

Applic. No. 09/936,069
Art Unit: 1771

REMARKS

Claims 32-62 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner requires that Applicants elect one of the following inventions for prosecution on the merits:

Group I (claim 32 drawn to an auxetic polymer material);

Group II (claims 33-44 drawn to an auxetic polymer formed by the steps of cohering and extruding a heated thermoformable particulate polymer material and the method of forming the auxetic polymer.);

Group III (claim 45 drawn to an auxetic polymer in the form of a fabric);

Group IV (claims 46-47 drawn to a composite material comprising an auxetic polymer);

Group V (claims 48-49 drawn to a vehicle body part comprising an auxetic polymer);

Group VI (claims 50-55 drawn to a personal protective device comprising an auxetic polymer);

Group VII (claim 56 drawn to a filter formed from an auxetic polymer);

Group VIII (claim 57 drawn to a rope formed from an auxetic polymer);

Group IX (claim 58 drawn to a net formed from an auxetic polymer);

Group X (claim 59 drawn to a biomaterial formed from an auxetic polymer);

Group XI (claim 60 drawn to a bandage or pressure dressing formed from an auxetic polymer);

Group XII (claim 61 drawn to a seal or gasket formed from an auxetic polymer);
and

Group XIII (claim 62 drawn to an auxetic polymer material comprising pores which have an entrapped releasable substance therein.)

For purposes of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Group II (claims 33-44). Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required in connection with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 02-0900.

Should there be any outstanding matter that needs to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,
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